THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur (VFJ), already manufactures Jonga jeeps for the Army. So as to utilise its spareable capacity, it has finalised its plan to launch a modified diesalised version of Jonga for civil market. The existing infrastructure at VFJ with marginal adjustment will be utilised for production of Jonga for civil market upto about 4000 per annum initially.

The vehicle has been re-engineered in three models of 10|11|12 seats. The indicated price of the three models, excluding local taxes, is Rs. 2.78 lakh, Rs. 3.45 lakh and Rs. 3.65 lakh respectively. Dealers for marketing and after sales service are being appointed.

Ordnance factories have been increasing their range of products for police forces and other non defence customers with a view to utilising their spareable capacities after fully meeting the requirements of the armed forces. The products include small arms and ammunition, castings, machined components, cables, chemicals, clothing and textile items, drums and barrels, explosives, optical instruments, leather items, machine tools etc.

Encroachment in defence lands in Jamnagar Ahmedabad and Bhuj Cantonments

1365. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how much Defence Land in Jamnagar, Ahmedabad and Bhuj Cantonment in Gujarat has been illegally encroached upon;

(b) what were the reasons for this encroachment being encouraged;

(c) what are the reasons for such large scale encroachments on Defence Land inspite of vigil of local establishments; and

(d) what measures are being taken to ensure that such encroachments are prevented in future in these cantonments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) The details of encroachments on defence land at Ahmedabad, Jamnagar and Bhuj are as under:—

	Ahmedabad	Jamnagar	Bhuj
	(area in acres)		
1. land under Management of the Army	0.562	1.50	..
2 Land under management of Cantonment Executive Officer	0.185	—	—

There are no large scale encroachments at the above Stations. Constant vigil is kept by the concerned authorities to stop encroachments and action is initiated to remove the encroachments as soon as these are detected.

Both preventive and punitive measures are taken by the authorities in respect of land under their management. Regular Patrolling is done by the army to prevent further encroachments. Cantonment Executive Officer and the Defence Estates

Officer take action in respect of the land under their management under the provisions of the Cantonments Act, 1924 and the Pubic Premises (Eviction of unauthorised Occupants Act, 1971. Also periodical inspections of the land are undertaken for detection and removal of encroachments.

Development and deployment of Agni

1366. SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position in regard to the development of Agni missile; and

(b) by when do Government propose to take the missile available to the Armed Forces for deployment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) AGNI is not a missile system. With its three flight-tests, this re-entry technology demonstration project has been successfully completed.

(b) Government are examining the situation consequent to the successful test flight of AGNI.

Charter of demands submitted by workers of Mazagaon Docks Ltd. Bombay

1367. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Workers Union has submitted charter of demands to the management of the Mazagaon Dock Ltd. Bombay;

(b) if so, the details of the demands made by the workers; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The charter of demands of workmen of the Mangalore and Nhava units of Mazagaon Dock Limited (MDL), who are under the industrial DA pattern, is presently under discussion with the management. The demands of workmen of the Bombay unit of MDL, who are under the textile DA pattern and draw better emoluments than the workmen in the other two units, are before the industrial tribunal, since the earlier award given by the tribunal was challenged by the workers in the High Court and the matter was remanded back to the tribunal by the High Court.

Decline in Defence expenditure

1368. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of decline in the country's defence expenditure during the last three years as compared to neighbouring countries like Pakistan and China; and

(b) what is its overall affect on the defence preparadness of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) During the last three years, the country's defence expenditure has been as under:—

Year	(Rs. in crores)
1991-92	16347.04
1992-93	17581.79
1993-94 (RE)	21500.00